



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 2595

An act to direct the Secretary of the Army to convey a parcel of land to Chatham County, Georgia

*As reported by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works
on September 26, 2002*

H.R. 2595 would authorize the Secretary of the Army, through the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, to convey a 12-acre piece of land adjacent to the Corps's Savannah Harbor Tide Gate project to Chatham County, Georgia. The County would be responsible for certain costs related to the conveyance, including real estate transaction and environmental compliance costs. Once conveyed, this piece of land would be managed in perpetuity for public recreational purposes.

Based on information from the Corps, CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 2595 would have no significant impact on the federal government. The Corps has designated this property as excess to project needs and is in the process of transferring it to the General Services Administration for disposal. Under current law, other federal agencies may take ownership of excess federal property. According to the Corps, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is interested in this piece of land, and it is likely that NOAA would take ownership of this property if it is not conveyed to Chatham County, Georgia.

H.R. 2595 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. This conveyance would benefit Chatham County, and any costs incurred by the county to comply with the associated conditions would be voluntary.

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